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Dear Professor Lederberg:

I have been thinking that Dr. Maclyn McCarty's recent book, The Transforming Principle : Discovering that Genes are made of DNA, should be appropriately reviewed or commented upon in the Journal of Genetics. Since this momentous work was done in the Rockefeller Institute and because it was done by pioneers who were considered medical bacteriologists. it occurred to me that you might wish to comment upon these extraordinary men, their work and the curious reception their work received. I remember reading a lengthy reference to Avery's work in an article by you in a Rockefeller University publication and this is an additional reason for my writing to you. On the other hand, if you do not wish to write about this topic at this time, could you suggest someone who might?

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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